

# **WEBB COUNTY PRESS RELEASE**

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For immediate release:

During the February 24, 2003 Webb County Commissioners Court meeting, members of the Court will listen to a presentation by Bearing Point on the possible establishment of electronic government, including electronic filing (eFiling) for Courts, allowing for online access 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to filing documents and renewal of all types of licenses. Texas Online eFiling for Courts is a system that permits people to file their documents without waiting for immediate assistance from a clerk. Instead, the Clerk's office staff can review and approve filings throughout the day. eFiling for Courts is funded by service or transaction fees that are charged to the filer. Filers can submit documents directly from their desktop computers rather than traveling to the courthouse and waiting in line. The eFiling method shows the filer the document as it is being submitted to the court, tabulates the cost of the filing, and authorizes the payment. The system is also designed to allow attorneys to be able to file in multiple jurisdictions.

Webb County Judge Louis H. Bruni supports the development of e-government in Webb County. According to Judge Bruni, "Webb County has the distinct opportunity to

establish a system of governmental services on the internet which will greatly benefit the citizens of Webb County by providing them with options in conducting their daily transactions. Electronic filing for Courts is currently in place in other counties throughout the state and has had tremendous success in counties such as Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Travis, Harris, and Hidalgo. The implementation of Texas Online makes government more accessible to the citizenry and will be a positive step for the future of Webb County.”

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Source:        Bearing Point—electronic government; Judge Louis H. Bruni

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